

WEEKEND READING FOR THE PRESIDENT

May 2-3, 1970

REFER TO DOS

Contents

VIETNAM

1. Philip C. Clarke, "Vietnamization and the Saigon G.I.--A Progress Report," manuscript, April 1970.

A correspondent of the Mutual Broadcasting System and the North American Newspaper Alliance has written a very encouraging report, intended for publication, on the progress of Vietnamization. His optimism is based not only on the statistics but also on his own extensive interviews with individual American and South Vietnamese soldiers in the field, and his own observation of the ARVN in action. (20 pp.)

CAMBODIA

2. "Mrs. Gandhi's Cambodia Quandary," Foreign Report (published by The Economist), April 16, 1970.

The Economist's analysts conclude that India has mishandled its relations with both Hanoi and Saigon over the last several months, and that this adds to Mrs. Gandhi's dilemma and difficulties over Cambodia. A concise and perceptive analysis. (2 pp.)

JAPAN

3. "Japan: Asian Bastion--or Overlord?", Foreign Report (published by The Economist), April 2, 1970.

The Economist's analysts suggest that importunate pressure by the US to push Japan into the role of Asian leadership may be counterproductive. There are recurring signs that mistrust of Japan still survives in many parts of Asia; Japan's economic might, and the way it is used, have aroused particular apprehension. (3 pp.)

DOS reviewed. Unclassified. Release in full

USSR

4. "Socialism is an Unworkable Idea," Interview with Anatoli Kuznetsov, Le Monde (Weekly Selection), April 8, 1970.

Anatoli Kuznetsov, the Soviet writer who defected to the West eight months ago, is interviewed in London by Le Monde's expert on Communist affairs, Michel Tatu. Kuznetsov has no doubts that he made the correct decision, even though some in the West have criticized him for abandoning his country. He is emphatically anti-Communist, and also skeptical of the impact of the dissident movement in the USSR. (2 pp.)

MIDDLE EAST

5. Eric Rouleau, "The Meeting that Might Have Been," Le Monde (Weekly Selection), April 8, 1970.

An account of the abortive attempt of Dr. Nahum Goldmann, President of the World Jewish Congress, to establish informal contact with Nasser, written by a Le Monde staff writer who is reported to have been involved in setting up the meeting. The danger, Rouleau concludes, is that the incident excludes for some time to come any possibility of working out an amicable settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict. (1 p.)

LATIN AMERICA

6. Abraham F. Lowenthal, "Alliance Rhetoric versus Latin American Reality," Foreign Affairs, April 1970.

Lowenthal, the Ford Foundation representative in Peru and a former Brookings fellow, assesses the history of the Alliance for Progress and the new approach to Latin America set forth in your October 31 speech. He concludes that many of the premises of the Alliance were faulty, and that the gap between the Alliance's rhetoric and reality had become painful and embarrassing by the end of the 60's. He is concerned, however, that disillusionment with the Alliance may lead to exaggerated pessimism and detachment from Latin America. While Lowenthal believes your partnership approach is timely and salutary, he sees a danger that low profile may come to represent a disengagement from US interest in reform and development in the area. (15 pp.)

YOUTH AND U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

7. Steven J. Kelman, "Youth and Foreign Policy,"
Foreign Affairs, April 1970.

A thoughtful though somewhat rambling statement of the viewpoint of an American student (a senior at Harvard) on the youth culture, the ideological battles on the campus, and the difficulties which the student liberals face in constructing an alternative to radicalism. Among his more interesting comments is on the extent to which student concern has shifted completely away from European affairs toward the problems of the underdeveloped world. (13 pp.)